



A Great Place to Grow



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ADDITIONAL RECYCLING PICK UP

**OFFERED THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27 & 29 and
JANUARY 3 & 5**

Additional recycling pickup will be available for residents to handle excess recycling. Pick up will be offered for one week on your designated pick up day. Recycling must be out by 7 a.m. on your recycle day. Please help our City Recycling Contractor, Waste Management, by having your extra recycling prepared correctly for pick up. Instructions for extra items:

- ✓ All cardboard needs to be broken down into 3' x 3' bundles and placed beside your cart. Tied bundles are *required* for all cardboard outside your container. Large cardboard pieces that are not broken down will not be taken due to size limitations.
- ✓ Excess cans, glass, plastic and paper (no gift wrap) can be set alongside your cart in paper bags. If you have recycling in black or brown garbage bags it will be left as the hauler cannot tell if it is recycling or garbage.

HOLIDAY
TREE
DISPOSAL



The City does **not** offer a residential tree pick-up. Most garbage haulers licensed with the City provide this service for a fee. Contact your garbage hauler for additional information or bring your tree to the City compost and brush site, located at 3150 Lander Avenue NE.

The City compost requires a key card for access. If you need a key card, stop by City Hall during regular business hours. There is no fee for the access card unless it is lost or damaged. Contact City Hall for additional information.



Events

Great River Regional Library Events

Genealogy for Everyone

Dec. 21: 6 p.m.-7p.m., St. Michael Library

Winter Scavenger Hunt in the Library

Jan. 3: All Day, St. Michael Library

Teen Craft Event

Jan. 9: All Day, St. Michael Library

Jigsaw Puzzle Tournament

Jan. 21: 9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., St. Michael Library

Tiny Art Show

Jan. 30: All Day, St. Michael Library

For a full list of Great River Regional Library events, visit: griver.org/locations/st-michael.

The Library will be closed December 24 and 26 as well as January 2.

Family Youth Community Connections (FYCC) Events

For a full list of FYCC events, visit www.myfycc.com.

ELECTION RESULTS

St. Michael had a 71% voter turnout at the election in November, with a total of 9,398 people voting. A special thank you to all our election judges who worked hard both at the polls on Election Day and at City Hall the week prior helping with early voting to ensure a fair, impartial, and high quality election. Also, thanks to the STMA School Board and staff for their use of the school buildings on Election Day.

Congrats to Mayor Keith Wettschreck on his re-election to Mayor. Congrats also to Councilor Ryan Gleason on his re-election to Council and incoming Councilor Scott Pedersen.

At the end of the year, we will also say goodbye to Councilor Nadine Schoen as she takes her new position as County Commissioner. Nadine served on the St. Michael Planning Commission for one year in 2010 and has been on City Council since 2011 for a total of 13 years of service! Thank you Nadine for all your years of dedicated service and we look forward to continuing to work with you at the County level as our Commissioner!



MORE SALT ISN'T ALWAYS THE ANSWER

Using salt (chloride) during our icy winters is a necessity for safe roads, sidewalks, and driveways. Unfortunately, it is clear that excessive salt use is polluting our local lakes and rivers which is disrupting natural ecosystems.

We need to become smart salters and reduce the use of salt when possible. Here are some tips you can use to make a difference:

- Shovel or sweep snow prior to putting salt down, you won't need as much salt this way.
- If it's below 15 degrees (F), your typical salt loses its effectiveness. Consider other options like sand or different deicers.
- Only apply salt where needed and leave space between granules. Your average coffee cup holds enough salt for 10 sidewalk squares or a 20-foot driveway.
- Sweep up leftover salt to reuse later.

Remember, it only takes 1 teaspoon of salt to pollute 5 gallons of water.

The City also does what it can to limit salt without jeopardizing safety as the use of salt is monitored by the MPCA for environmental quality purposes. Public Works monitors the condition of the City streets to ensure the safety of drivers and also uses sand and rock chips to help with traction under certain conditions.



Photo credit: Lake Superior Streams Regional Stormwater Protection Team

WINTER GUIDELINES

WHEN DOES MY STREET GET PLOWED?

St. Michael currently has 12 roadway snowplow routes, each consisting of approximately 10+ miles, and two trail routes. The roads and trails are handled by City employees, and sidewalks are plowed by the City's sidewalk contractor. Snow accumulation of two inches or more warrants the official snow event plowing of all roads, trails and sidewalks in St. Michael. Call out is normally at 3 a.m. when practical, and lasts until all City roads are plowed. Other than in our high traffic areas (downtown and schools), the trails and sidewalks will often be completed the following day. Routes are generally plowed in the order of use demand. The roadways that get the most traffic are plowed first (i.e. Highway 241, collector roads, etc.). During long snow events, the main high volume/collector routes are often plowed more than once before we are able to get to the low volume roads, but all roads will be plowed before the snow event is considered complete.

KEEP SNOW OFF PUBLIC ROADWAY

Do not to push snow from driveways onto the street. Any snow left on the road or side of the road can freeze and create a hazard for snowplow drivers and equipment if they catch the frozen ridge with their plow. Minnesota Statutes prohibit plowing, shoveling, blowing or depositing snow on a public street. The violation is a misdemeanor.

CLEAR SNOW FROM HYDRANTS AND MAILBOXES

Please help out by clearing snow from fire hydrants and mailboxes near your house. Street workers try to keep the snow clear from hydrants, but it is impossible to do until all streets and sidewalks are cleared. Your help is greatly appreciated!



CONTAINER PLACEMENT

Please place your garbage and recycling containers at the end of your driveway and not on the street. Keep basketball hoops and other items away from the roadway.



SKATING RINKS

Did you know St. Michael has outdoor skating? There is one large pleasure skating area, one full size hockey rink, and a smaller hockey rink for younger children to enjoy a pick-up game of hockey. Keep in mind, before the rinks can open there needs to be at least three weeks of below freezing temperatures. The warming house is staffed with attendants trained in both CPR and First Aid. The rinks are located in the Lower Recreation Area next to the Public Works Building (3150 Lander Avenue NE). Warming house hours are:

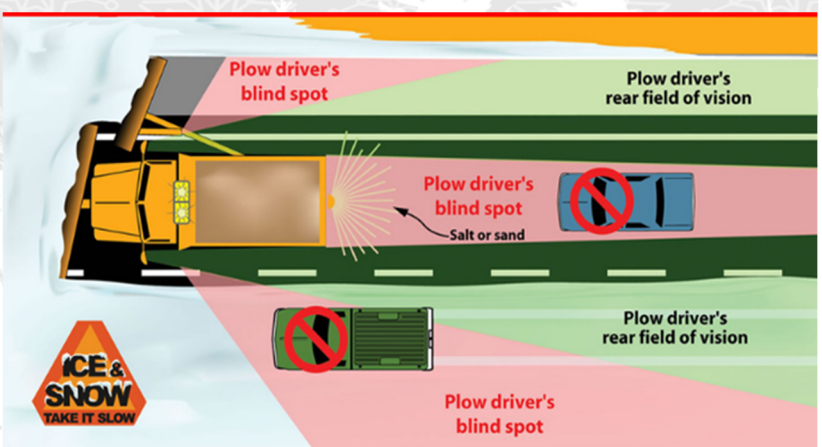
No School Days

School Days

Noon—9 p.m.

4 p.m.— 9 p.m.

Check myfycc.com for the most up-to-date information.



SNOW REMOVAL

You may see Public Works staff removing snow from cul-de-sacs and boulevards. This is necessary to maintain capacity and safety for everyone using the roadway. Staff will remove snow as time permits between snow falls.

Reminder: From November 1 through April 1, there is no parking on City streets between 2-6 a.m.

Serve Your Community



The City is seeking applications for positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission as well as the Economic Development Authority (EDA). The Planning Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., and generally makes recommendations and advises the Council on matters related to development, ordinances, and other planning/land use topics. The EDA meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. and advises the Council on matters related to growth and economic development within the city. The EDA also regularly visits local businesses.

There is a small meeting stipend for both of these positions. If you are interested in applying, please submit a letter and/or resume outlining qualifications or points of interest you have for the position to the City Clerk by January 4, 2023. Applications can be delivered to City Hall, mailed to: 11800 Town Center Drive NE, or sent via email to: dianac@stmichaelmn.gov. The Council will make the appointments at the January 24th City Council meeting, and the new terms will begin February 2023.



SENIOR
COMMUNITY
SERVICES

Senior Community Services is a nonprofit organization with a mission to innovate and deliver services that meet the changing needs of older adults and their caregivers.

The **HOME** program provides help with indoor and outdoor chores like housekeeping, minor home repairs, painting projects, and lawn care/snow removal. **Personal Technology Support & Coaching** is also available. Call 763-416-7969, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or email hometeam@seniorcommunity.org for more information.

CONTACT US

Phone: 763-497-2041

Email: cityhall@stmichaelmn.gov

Website: www.stmichaelmn.gov

Non-Emergency: 763-682-1162

Emergency: 911

HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

MAYOR

Keith Wettschreck

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ryan Gleason, Joe Hagerty,
Tom Hamilton, Nadine Schoen



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RECYCLING CALENDAR 2023



ALL RECYCLING MUST BE PLACED INSIDE YOUR CART AND SECURED WITH THE LID CLOSED.
BOXES MUST BE FLATTENED AND SHOULD NOT BE STACKED ON TOP AS THEY COULD POTENTIALLY FALL OUT.

CARTS SHOULD BE CURBSIDE (NOT ON THE STREET) BY 7 A.M.

NO PIZZA BOXES OR GARBAGE BAGS ALLOWED-KEEP ITEMS OUT OF BAGS!



RESIDENTS NORTH OF COUNTY ROAD 35/HIGHWAY 241/COUNTY ROAD 36

RESIDENTS SOUTH OF COUNTY ROAD 35/HIGHWAY 241/COUNTY ROAD 36

PICKUP WEST OF COUNTY RD 19: TUESDAYS | PICKUP EAST OF COUNTY RD 19: THURSDAYS

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* OBSERVED HOLIDAYS—SERVICE IS DELAYED 1 DAY THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK

QUESTIONS OR ISSUES REGARDING RECYCLING?
CONTACT WASTE MANAGEMENT: 320-258-3948



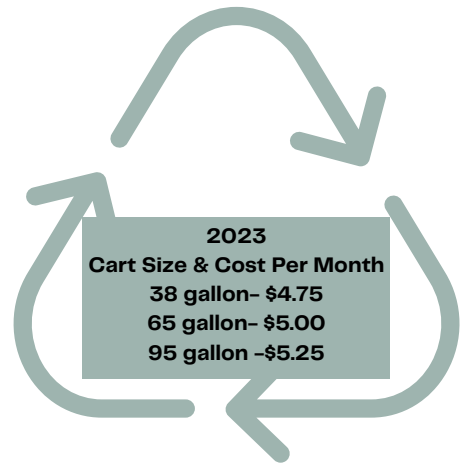


The City of St. Michael has three recycling cart options. New residents have 90 days to exchange sizes or have one dropped off without a fee. All other exchanges will be charged a \$30.00 fee.

IMPORTANT: If you are moving, please leave your recycling cart at the residence even if you are moving within the City limits. Carts are specific to that address and removing a cart may result in a fee on your utility bill. Damaged carts will be charged a replacement fee of \$75.00.

If you have extra recycling

If you have extra recycling, you must call Waste Management **48 hours** prior to your pickup day to make arrangements. Waste Management will NOT pickup extra recycling that is not scheduled in advance. If you have scheduled extra cardboard for pickup, it should be flattened and broken down into 3' x 3' that are bundled and set beside your cart. Extra plastic, glass and cans should be placed in paper and not plastic bags.



Garbage and recycling containers need to be shielded from public view per City Code 91.18. (U)(10). Please help our City continue to look great.

Acceptable Recyclables: Do Not Recycle:

- Newspapers, magazines and catalogs
- Phone books and paperback books
- Junk mail, envelopes and file folders
- Office & School Paper (any color)
- Brown paper bags
- Corrugated Cardboard – FLATTENED
- Box Board – FLATTENED (cereal, cake, cracker and tissue-type boxes)
- Aluminum, tin or steel cans
- Glass jars & Bottles (brown, green, clear)
- Food and beverage plastics labeled #1–#7
- Milk, juice and soup cartons

- Pizza boxes; they are contaminated with grease
 - Oil containers
 - Styrofoam and packing materials
 - Plastic bags
 - Gift wrap
 - Aluminum foil and pie tins
 - Batteries – any type
 - Diapers
 - 6-Pack Can Carriers
- IF THESE ITEMS ARE FOUND IN YOUR RECYCLING THE DRIVER WILL NOT PICK IT UP!**



Contact Waste Management for:

- Missed recycling
 - A new cart or if your cart is broken
 - General service questions or concerns
- Call: 320-258-3948

